



**Welcome**  
**Designated Doctor and**  
**MMI/IR Certification Training**  
**November 20-22, 2014**



**Please sign in each**  
**morning and afternoon**



## Disclosure

**Speakers: Texas Department of Insurance,  
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## Disclaimer

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## Disclaimer

TDI-DWC has adopted multiple guides/ guidelines for use in the evaluation of workers' compensation claims and treatment of injured employees in the workers' compensation system. In those instances where the proper interpretation of these guides/guidelines is in dispute, TDI-DWC's dispute resolution process will determine the proper interpretation.

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## Logon for hotel Wi-Fi

Network: hhonors\_meeting

Password: doctors1114



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<http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/dd/certtraining.html>

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## **Do You Know?**

- **Question:**
  - What are the adopted **return to work guidelines** for the Texas workers' compensation system?
- **Answer:**
  - **The current edition of *The Medical Disability Advisor, Workplace Guidelines for Disability Duration*, excluding all sections and tables relating to rehabilitation, published by the Reed Group, Ltd. (28 TAC §137.10(a))**

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## Login for Reed Group Disability Guidelines

- Website: [www.mdguidelines.com](http://www.mdguidelines.com)
- Username: DDCERT (case sensitive, no spaces)
- Password: 112014 (no spaces)

Note: This temporary login is provided for use only during the Certification Course.

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## Do You Know?

- Question:
  - What are the adopted **treatment guidelines** for the Texas workers' compensation system?
- **Answer:**
  - *The Official Disability Guidelines - Treatment in Workers' Comp, excluding the return to work pathways, (ODG), published by Work Loss Data Institute. (28 TAC§ 137.100(a))*

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## Login for Official Disability Guidelines

- Website: [www.odgtreatment.com](http://www.odgtreatment.com)
- Username: DDCC (case sensitive, no spaces)
- Password: 6868 (no spaces)

**Note:** This temporary login is provided for use only during the Certification Course.

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## Do You Know?

- Question:
  - What 3 documents are required to be submitted to TDI-DWC in order to become **certified or recertified** as a designated doctor?
- **Answer:**
  1. Certificate of successful completion of training
  2. Certificate indicating passing the DD certification test
  3. A complete DWC Form-067, *Designated Doctor Certification Application*

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## Certificate of Successful Completion

Certification or Recertification as either a designated doctor or an MMI/IR doctor requires a certificate of successful completion. In order to receive the certificate of successful completion, the applicant must attend **all** required classes on the agenda.

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## Checking Out of Training on Saturday

### MDs/DOs:

- Complete and sign both sides of **light blue** application for CMEs and verification of attendance.
- Give the application to DWC registration staff at the completion of training on Saturday.

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## Checking Out of Training on Saturday

### DCs:

- Complete and sign both sides of **gold** application for CMEs and verification of attendance.
- Give the application to DWC registration staff at the completion of training on Saturday.

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## Checking Out of Training on Saturday

### Other attendees:

- Complete and sign both sides of **white** application for CMEs and verification of attendance.
- Give the application to DWC registration staff at the completion of training on Saturday.

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## Do You Know?

- Question:
  - How far in advance of expiration of the current certification is a designated doctor required to submit the renewal documentation?
- Answer:
  - **Renewing designated doctors *must mail or FAX* their training and testing certificates and complete DWC Form-067, *Designated Doctor Certification Application* to TDI-DWC at least *45 days in advance of the expiration of the current certification*. (28 TAC §127.110(c))**

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## Do You Know?

- Question:
  - When a designated doctor needs additional testing or a referral to resolve the issue in question, is preauthorization required?
- Answer: **No.**
  - **28 TAC§ 127.10(c): “Any additional testing or referral required for the evaluation *is not subject to preauthorization requirements* nor shall those services be denied retrospectively based on medical necessity, extent of injury, or compensability....”**

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## Do You Know?

- Question:
  - What DWC form is submitted when a doctor evaluates an injured employee for **MMI and/or impairment rating**?
- Answer:
  - **DWC Form-069, Report of Medical Evaluation with narrative report and other documentation as necessary to support the opinion of the doctor.**

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## Do You Know?

- Question:
  - What DWC form is submitted when a doctor evaluates an injured employee for **Return to Work**?
- Answer:
  - **DWC Form-073, Work Status Report with narrative report and other documentation as necessary to support the opinion of the doctor.**

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## Do You Know?

- Question:

- What DWC form is submitted when a designated doctor evaluates an injured employee for **Extent of Injury, Disability the Result of the Compensable Injury, or Similar Issues?**

- Answer:

- **DWC Form-068, *Designated Doctor Examination Data Report* with narrative report and other documentation as necessary to support the opinion of the doctor.**

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## Do You Know?

- Question:

- What DWC form provides the designated doctor with the reason(s) for the physical examination and the questions to be addressed and answered in their report?

- Answer:

- **DWC Form-032, *Request for Designated Doctor Examination***
  - **Designated doctors should ensure that they have a copy of the DWC Form-032 prior to performing the physical examination and preparing the designated doctor report.**

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## To Do List for Designated Doctors

1. Complete the **green** contact information sheet in your packet and return the completed form to TDI-DWC staff.
2. At the end of the course, please complete and return the **dark blue** end of course survey to TDI-DWC staff.
3. Renewing designated doctors ***must mail or FAX*** their training and testing certificates and complete DD application (DWC Form-067) to TDI-DWC at least ***45 days in advance of the expiration of the current certification.***

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